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I do not know whether it is customary for surgeons to have a nurse for assistant, but I am assistant here, and a doctor from Columbus also has a nurse assistant, both having another doctor for the anæsthetic. M. M., Ohio.

SUGGESTIVE

DEAR EDITOR: Enclosed you will find fifty dollars to cover the expense of twenty-five subscriptions for the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. I will ask to have these subscriptions begin with the November JOURNAL if possible.

Our senior classes hereafter will make the JOURNAL a text-book for class readings and class discussions, and I hope that by the time they are ready to leave the school they will have formed such a "Journal habit" that they will be unable to get along without it.

The Sisters all remember with pleasure your visit to Mercy Hospital and hope that you will find it convenient to come and see us if you are in Chicago again. Needless to tell you that we all enjoy the magazine and look forward to its monthly visit. With best wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SISTER M. VERONICA,  
Superintendent of Nurses.

JOURNAL COMMENTS

DEAR EDITOR: A short time ago I received my first subscribed copy of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and have read it from cover to cover.

The International Council and Congress in London must have been an inspiration.

I am nursing on an island where one finds sanitary difficulties similar to those Isabel McIsaac mentions in her "Household Hygiene," and as I am practically housekeeper as well as nurse, I find myself spending about a third of my time fighting these conditions outside the sickroom. Would that every intelligent person on the island might read and appreciate that article.

"A Plea for the Profession of Private Nursing" deserves attention and thought. The suggestions seem plausible and excellent.

Concerning the printing of answers to examination questions, may I add my plea to the list. Although a comparatively recent graduate and desirous of "keeping abreast of the times," I find that as experience increases I have little time or inclination for real study and research. It necessitates the having at hand of any number of text-books. The printing of answers would enable one to "brush up" on half a dozen questions during a leisure ten minutes.

I was interested and somewhat amused on reading "Trans-Missouri's" letter in the October issue. Evidently our sister has not taken into consideration the fact that all nurses are not gentlewomen.

I call myself a Bostonian and only last winter I made the acquaintance of a nurse of average ability, though not a graduate of my own school, who appeared to be in her element when chewing gum, and whose conversation was punctuated with slang. Some nurses do not look upon the profession as seriously as others. I feel that there is hope for the nurse "across the aisle." Perhaps at some future time she will come in touch with nurses of "Trans-Missouri's" type who will influence her to "act the better part." Personally, I believe in the highest ideals, the most faithful service.

VIA NANTUCKETT.